

I am writing in support of the allocation of a 60 meter band for amateur radio service for domestic use only. I am an Extra Class License hold K0NY and have participated in several emergencies providing emergency communications using amateur radio. Here in the midwest tornadoes can wipe out all communications in a town. Because of the river valleys, when the towers are down, VHF-UHF links are impossible. HF provides a valuable alternative link. 80 meters works well at day most of the time, but 40 meters doesn't always provide an alternative. The proposed 60 meter allocation would make HF a viable short-long range alternative to VHF-UHF.